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SUBJECT: ANTARTICA

1. MICHAEL WOOD OF UK DEL INFORMED OXMAN MARCH 10
THAT SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED DRAFT PAPER ON MARINE
RESOURCES IN ANTARCTICA (THAT IN FACT ALSO INCLUDE
LAND RESOURCE INFORMATION) IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST AT
59TH ECOSOC SESSION. ZEGERS OF CHILE INFORMED BY
SECRETARIAT THAT PAPER WOULD BE DISTRUBUTED AT SUMMER
ECOSOC SESSION UNLESS STOPPED. IZEGERS TRYING TO ORGANIZE
ANTARCTIC TREATY PARTIES (EXCEPT US & USSR) TO TRY TO
STOP PAPER. WOOD INFORMED OXMAN IN CONFIDENCE, AND
ASKED REACTION. OXMAN SAID NO REACTION WOULD BE POSSIBLE
WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON.

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2. ON EVENING OF MARCH 9, ELI LAUTERPACHT, AUSTRALIAN
FONOFF LEGAL ADVISER, RAISED ISSUE OF ANTARCTICA PRIVATELY
WITH OXMAN, "WITHOUT INSTRUCTION". HE SAID HE WAS
RELUCTANT TO SEE AUSTRALIA CEDE ANY SOVEREIGNTY, AND
WONDERED PERSONALLY IF US WOULDN'T PREFER BILATERAL
TREATY WITH AUSTRALIA REGARDING OIL FROM AUSTRALIAN

SECTOR TO MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENT. HE DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN THIS AND ARRANGEMENT AMONG ANTARCTIC TREATY PARTIES AS THERE WOULD NOT BE OTHER BENEFICIARIES. NO SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE GIVEN; OXMAN OUTLINED RANGE OF US INTEREST IN AUSTRALIA, INCLUDING PRESERVATION OF TREATY, ENVIRONMENT, SCIENTIFIC, AND POTENTIAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS, AND NOTED OUR CONCERN THAT RECOGNITION OF SOVEREIGNTY CLAIMS COULD INDUCE END OF ANTARCTIC TREATY.

3. LAUTERPACHT ASKED ABOUT US INTEREST IN LIVING RESOURCES, AS THESE PRESENTED IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH EXTENSION OF AUSTRALIAN FISHING JURISDICTION. OXMAN SAID WE WERE CONCERNED WITH CONSERVATION; OVERALL RELATIONSHIP TO ECOLOGICAL BALANCE, AS WELL AS POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD NUTRITIONAL NEED, BUT WAS UNAWARE OF ANY PRESENT DIRECT FISHING INTERESTS. QUESTION OF WHETHER EXTENSION OF JURISDICTION WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH ANTARCTIC TREATY WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED: ITS RELATIONSHIP TO OUR POSITION ON CLAIMS WAS IN ANY EVENT CLEAR. CALTO

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